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Sir:  
Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☒ nonprovisional ☐ provisional patent application of:

Inventor / Application Identifier: **Nobuko HASUYAMA, et al.**

☐ See Inventor Information Sheet attached

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING ZEOLITE**

- ☐ This is a new patent application.  
☐ This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.  
☐ This is a provisional patent application.  
☒ This is a: ☐ Continuation Application  
☒ Divisional Application  
☐ Continuation-in-Part Application  
of prior Application Serial No. 10/031,504.

☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-2 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
-- This is a ☐ Continuation, ☒ Divisional, ☐ Continuation-in-part, of  
Application Serial No. 10/031,504 filed January 15, 2002, now Pending. -

[X] Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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| ENCLOSED ARE THE FOLLOWING: |  |   |
| X                           | 3  | Sheets of drawings ([X] formal [ ] informal size A4 ).                      |
| X                           | 18   | Pages of specification including abstract and claims.                       |
| X                           | 21   | Total pages.  |
| X                           | Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney   |   |
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|                             | X  | Copy from prior application   |
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| X                           | Assignment to:    1) Nobuko HASUYAMA<br>2) Takashi NITTA<br>3) Junichi HOJO<br>4) SHINTOH LTD. |   |
|                             | X  | Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No. <u>10/031,504</u> . |
|                             |  | Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet.                                    |
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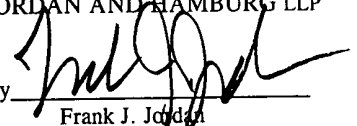
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| <b>PRIORITY CLAIMS</b> |   |
|                        | Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119.   |
| X                      | Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below:<br><br><b>Japan Patent Appln. No. 11-225320, filed August 9, 1999, Priority Claimed</b><br><br>of which certified copies thereof |
|                        | will follow   |
|                        | are enclosed  |
|                        | have been filed in the International Bureau   |
| X                      | were filed in prior application: 10/031,504   |

| CLAIMS FILED AND FILING FEE CALCULATION          |              |             |                        |         |             |
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| ITEM   | —            |             |                        | Rate    | Applied Fee |
| [X] Base Fee - Non PCT                           | —            |             |                        | \$750   | \$750       |
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| Claim Fees                                       | Number Filed | Base Number | Number Extra over Base |         |             |
| Total Claims                                     | 1            | 20          | 0                      | \$18    | \$0         |
| Independent Claims                               | 1            | 3           | 0                      | \$84    | \$0         |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Fee                     | —            |             |                        | \$280   | \$0         |
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